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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
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AUCTIONS.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 12th January, 1877, at Noon,—
Electroplated Ware, Table Spoons and Forks, Butter Dishes, Sardine Boxes, Cash Boxes, Padlocks, Black Writing Ink, Merino & Lambswool Socks, Carving Knives, Tooth Brushes, Shoe Brushes, Etc.

Also,

30 tins Terpentine,
20 tins Varnish,
20 tins Dark and Light Oak Colour Paint.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, January 9, 1877. ja12

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND, PROPERTY AND TIMBER, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale) on the Premises at Wan Chai, on

MONDAY,

the 22nd January, 1877, at Noon,—
The following PIECES OR PARCELS

of GROUND, with the BUILDINGS erected thereon, belonging to

Messrs S. E. BURROWS & SONS.

FIRST.

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 107, adjoining the Police Station No. 2, at Wan Chai, with the TWO First-Class GRANITE GODOWNS erected thereon, viz.—

GODOWN No. 43, fronting on the Praya 52½ feet, by an average of 73 feet Deep. Capacity about 1,300 Tons. Crown Rent, \$51 per Annum.

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Each Godown, with the Land on which it is erected, will be put up separately.

SECOND.

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 121, at Wan Chai, and formerly known as THE HONG-KONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY'S YARD, fronting on the Praya 100 feet, by an average of 144 feet deep, containing 14,400 square feet. Crown Rent, \$180 per Annum.

THIRD.

About 86,000 Superficial feet of OREGON PINE LUMBER, 2, 3 and 4 inches, in Lots to suit Purchasers.

Also,

Sundry Lots of TEAK and SINGAPORE TIMBER, SHIP'S KNEES, WINCHES, BLOCKS, OLD IRON, SCALES, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—

The LAND and GODOWNS.—One-half of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the Purchaser. The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

The TIMBER and MOVEABLES Lots.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers,

Hongkong, January 9, 1877. ja22

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No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT

TO BE GIVEN AT THE

CITY HALL,
This Evening,

January 11th, 1877.

Commencing at 9 o'clock.

PART I.

No. 1. Overture.—"Crown Diamonds."

—Auber.

No. 2. Overture.—"Galatea, dry thy tears," from "Acis and Galatea."—Handel.

No. 3. Recitative and Air for Bass, from "The Creation."—Haydn.

No. 4. Part Song.—"The Sailor's Song."—Hatton.

No. 5. Recitative.—"In splendour bright." Trio and Chorus.—"The heavens are telling," from "The Creation."—Haydn.

PART II.

No. 6. Trio for Pianoforte, Violin and Violoncello.—Hummel.

No. 7. Part Song.—"Sleep, while the soft evening breeze blowing."—Bishop.

No. 8. Song.—"Will o' the Wisp."—Cherry.

No. 9. Solo for Violoncello.—Andante from 2nd Concerto.—Goltermann.

No. 10. Part Song.—"Sir Knight, Sir Knight."—Macrione.

No. 11. —Overture.—"La Generale."—Rossini.

Tickets, Price \$2 each, may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and at the Door of the Hall on the night of the Concert.

T. G. WILLIAMSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877. ja12

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Ohs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

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CHRONOMETERS,

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All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. ja12

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IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1876. ja22

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDED AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One **, Two ***, Three ****, and Four *****,
in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLER & Co.

H. KLER,
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SISS has been authorized to sign for us by Procurator. We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton, or to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja22

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, JUER, is authorized to sign our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

NOTICE.

M. R. LUDWIG STEGMUND LÜTKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

W. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYD'S REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. J. C. KATZ ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KHMANN.

For Sale.

S A Y L E & Co.

BEG to solicit inspection of their WIN-
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Rich Black Glace and Grosgrain SILKS,
from the Best French Makers.
Coloured Grosgrain and Fancy SILKS,
Black, White and Coloured SATINS,
Japanese SILKS, Better and Cheaper
than ever.

Fancy DRESS MATERIALS, in all
the New TEXTURE, All WOOL
SERGES, Scotch WOOL PLAIDS, French
MERINOS.

Ladies' Ready-made COSTUMES, Ball
DRESSES, Opera CLOAKS,
Black and Coloured SILK VELVETS.

The NEWEST SHAPES in Silk, Velvet
and Cloth JACKETS.

Children's Cloth JACKETS.

Boys' Serge and Cloth SUITS, all Sizes.

Wool SHAWLS and Mountain WRAPS.

Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS.

Newest Styles direct from Paris.

Untrimmed Felt and Straw HATS.

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RIBBONS, LACES, FEATHERS,

FLOWERS.

Ladies' Linen and Lace COLLARS and

CUFFS.

Swansdown and Fur TRIMMINGS.

Swansdown MUFFS, COLLARS and

PELERINES.

Infants' ROBES, CLOAKS and PE-

LISSES.

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Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTH-

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Fancy Flannel Dressing GOWNS and

Morning WRAPPERS.

KID GLOVES.

Ladies' and Children's BOOTS and

SHOES.

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Sole Agents for The "LITTLE WANEER."

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Or can be had of the Author, at the City

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London, ... TRUBNER & Co.

Shanghai, ... Messrs KELLY & WALSH,

Price—Half Bound Roan, \$2.00

Paper Covers, \$1.60

Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI,

The Steamer

"YANGTSEE,"

E. SCHULZ, Master, will

be despatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 12th Instant, at

9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TIRE,"

Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be

despatched for YOKOHAMA

on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"AIA,"

Comdt. HERNANDEZ, will be

despatched for SHANGHAI

on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at Noon.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. **"AIA,"**

NOTICE.

C O N S I G N E D of Cargo per S. S.

"Ganges," from London, in con-

nection with the above Steamer, are hereby

informed that their Goods are being

handed and stored at their risk at the

Company's Godowns, whence delivery may

be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signment, before 9 p.m. To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Feb-

1st, the 16th January, at Noon, will be

subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING

of the MEDICAL MISSIONARY

SOCIETY, will be held at the House

of Messrs OLIPHANT & Co., Canton, on

THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at 11 o'clock am.

FLEMMING CARRAWAY, M.D.,

Secretary.

SIR BROOKE ROBERTSON, C.B.,

Acting President.

Canton, January 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

To-day's Advertisements.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For SHANGHAI.—

Per **"AVIA,"** at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the

13th inst., Late letters received from

11.10 to 11.30.

For CALLAO.—

Per **"HARVEY,"** at 11 a.m., on

Saturday, the 13th inst.

For COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.—

Per **"AVIA,"** at 1.30 a.m., on

Monday, the 15th inst., Mails will

also be closed for other ports of E.

Australia, New Zealand, and Tas-

mania, 8 cents rates.

For BANGKOK.—

Per **"DANUBE,"** at 5 p.m., on Thursday,

the 18th inst.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessel, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.

Melchers & Co.

MADAME DEMORET, British barque, Capt. C. H. Besant.—Gibbs, Livingston & Co.

FLYING CLOUD, British barque, Capt. H. Williams.—Turner & Co.

IRENE, German schooner, Capt. O. Hansen.—Carlowitz & Co.

HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Capt. G. Cochran.—Moyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 10, Danube, British steamer, 561,

A. Clancy, Bangkok Dec. 27, General,—

YEN FAT HONG.

Jan. 11, Yangtze, British steamer, from

Canton.

Jan. 11, Tay Watt, Siamese barque, 684,

F. Sase, Swatow Jan. 10, Ballast.—Cn-

nee.

Jan. 11, Aisa, French steamer, 2106,

Hornandez, Marseilles Dec. 3, Naples 5,

Port Said 9, Suez 11, Aden 16, Gaile 20,

Singapore Jan. 1, and Saigon 7, Mails and

General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 11, Cheung Hock Kian, British

steamer, 568, F. Webb, Amoy Jan. 8, and

Swatow 10, General.—Soon Uchow & Co.

Jan. 11, City, British gun-boat, 700,

B. E. Cochrane, Hojhow Jan. 9.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 11, San Francisco, for Singapore.

11, Suez, for Melbourne.

11, Suez, for Calcutta, 20, and

Gibraltar, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.

Mount Washington, for Illoilo.

Neutland, for Guam.

Company, P. M. S. S. Co., Butterfield & Swire, and several others.—The P. M. S. S. alone had over 8,000 pieces a month washed, and he had no doubt the English and French Mail steamers had as much or even more.

Mr Sharp said he had not said what he did to discourage the scheme, on the contrary he was rather in favour of it. He would now propose that a provisional Committee be formed to go into the matter thoroughly, and the matter could be brought before the public on a future day. He proposed that Messrs Wilson, Crawford, Kier, Jory, and Hollings be elected as a provisional Committee, and the motion being duly seconded was carried by the vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting then separated.

(L. & C. Express, Dec. 1.)

Latest Mail Advices—Yokohama Oct.

11th, Shanghai Oct. 13th, Foochow Oct.

14th, Hongkong Oct. 19th. We have no

later advices than those dated as above,

which were received by the French mail,

via Marseilles, on the 23rd ult., four days

in advance of their due date. The next

inward (P. & O.) mail, bringing dates

Yokohama 17th, Shanghai 20th, Hongkong

23rd ult., Singapore 2nd Nov., left Brindisi

yesterday, and will probably reach London

on its due date, the 4th inst. The follow-

ing French mail, with a week's later

advices, left Suez on the 29th ult., three

days early.

A medal is to be granted to all who served in the Arctic expedition, and it is stated that Captain Nares will be knighted. The Arctic crew have rejoined their vessel for the purpose of returning stores, dismantling, and paying off. Captain Pollard, of the *Teredos*, has been arraigned before a court-martial on charges of having hazarded his ship when on the voyage home from the Pacific, and not having informed the Admiralty of the whole facts of the case. He was found guilty of the first charge, and was ordered to be dismissed from his command. The *Shah*, new corvette, has undergone a trial-trip with satisfactory results. Five hundred workmen have been discharged from Portsmouth Dockyard. The trou-

ship *Adventure* is to be broken up.

The weather during the past week has been unusually mild. At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean temperature has been 43.6 deg., or 1.8 above the average. Heavy rain has fallen both in the London and in the provinces, and the Windsor, Eton, Maidenhead, and Staines districts has caused a considerable rise in the Thames, which is now higher than it has been for some time past. Fine open weather will soon lower the stream, but should there be a continuance of rain much of the low-lying land on the banks of the river will be flooded. Heavy floods have occurred in Essex, Bucks, and Bedfordshire. In some places the water is nearly a foot deep, and great damage has already been done. Near Derby the ground is many inches submerged.

It is stated that Mr C. H. Spurgeon, in a prayer on Sunday last, thus expressed himself:—“And, O God, give our senators' wisdom, especially at this critical time. Let not the extraordinary folly of our rulers lead our country into war, and change our rulers, O God, as soon as possible.”

By an explosion on board the Allan steamer *Frusian*, lying in the Wellington Dock, Liverpool, fourteen men have been scalded more or less severely. Nine of them remain in hospital, and one is seriously injured.

We are informed, upon reliable authority, that the well-known Russian naturalist and traveller N. N. De Mikluho-Maclay, has returned among his old friends the Papuans. Our readers are no doubt aware that Mr De M. MacLay on a former occasion, 1871-72, lived for fifteen months among some of the inhabitants of New Guinea, and that a part of the coast of this vast island has been named after him. It is at this place that he now proposes to settle, where, while continuing his scientific studies and discoveries, the principal aim of his many journeys, he may effectively assist the simple inhabitants, and guard them against injustice, if not slavery, if unhappily for humanity, colonisation should ever be attempted on the Malay coast. We are assured that Mr De M. MacLay's proceedings are entirely philanthropical, and strictly those of a private individual, and that they are not intended in any way as a veil to ulterior designs on the part of any of the European Powers.

A telegram announces the capture of the son of the Ameer of Kashgar by the Chinese.

Mr Albert Grant proposes to enter on a new career. He passed a preliminary examination for the Bar last week, and has applied to be admitted as a student of Gray's-inn.

The gun-vessel *Loyalty*, Captain the Hon. E. J. Dawson, was to sail from Malta about the 25th ult. for England.

In the event of complications arising in the East arrangements are, the Army and Navy Gazette understands, already made for the withdrawal of a force from India for duty in Turkey.

Hamburg, Nov. 28th.—The movement in our river both outward and inward and has been on a fair scale; the arrivals for some days fell short, in consequence of prevailing easterly winds, but have since improved. In freights there is nothing doing, the market suffering by the uniform bad condition of all branches of business. The *Cassandra* s.s., Langer, has left for her usual route to Singapore and China. She has left a full ship, and will not call at London. On the berth as at present for the *East*, *Hesperia* s.s. (Deutsche Dampf- schiff Rheiher), in the same direction as the *Cassandra*; *Oaura*, *Tiernor*; *A. A. Vidal*, *Schreiber*; and *Batavia*, *Colling*, all three for Hongkong. At Bremen no shipping movements to or from the East Indies and China have taken place.

SUPREME COURT IN APPEAL.

(Before the Full Court.)

January 11, 1877.

SUSTAIN CO. v. NG SHAN KUON AND OTHERS.

This was an appeal by the plaintiffs against the decision of Mr Justice Snowden, who decided in favour of the defendants when the case came before him in summary jurisdiction.

Mr Russell, instructed by Mr Brereton, appeared for the appellants, the plaintiffs, and

The Hon. Mr Phillippe, Acting Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Tolson and Johnson, appeared for the respondents, the defendants.

Before the regular business of the Court

was proceeded with, the Chief Justice said he had just a word to say in reference to the new Attorney General. They had seen in the newspapers what had been said of the past career of the Attorney General, and they might accept that as a promise of what would be his future career here, and they hoped it would be satisfactory to himself and to the public.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney General replied that he was extremely obliged to his Lordship for welcoming him in this kind manner, and he hoped he would prove himself deserving of his Lordship's remarks.

Mr Russell said he begged, on behalf of

the bar here, to say that they were very

glad to see Mr Phillippe here in the position he held, and, no doubt, he would be

an acquisition to the Colony, and his pre-

sumption would facilitate the transaction of business in this Court.

The regular business was then proceeded

with. This was an appeal from the decision of Mr Justice Snowden delivered on 14th November last, of a case heard by him in a Summary Jurisdiction Court. The plain-

iffs, Messrs Pustau & Co., sought to re-

cover damages from the defendants, the

Tak Kee Hong, in the sum of \$1,000, the

highest limit in a Summary Jurisdiction

suit, for non-performance of an alleged

contract to supply the plaintiffs with 1500

pounds of sugar. The damages were estim-

ated at the difference between the price at

the date of the alleged contract and at the

date of the action. The correspondence

between the parties was put in, and the

plaintiffs relying on these letters sued the

defendants as principals. The defendants

on the other hand denied that they were

principals, and alleged that they were only

acting as brokers, on behalf of the Wing

Hing Hong, who were the principals. At

the outset, the defendants took an objec-

tion on the Statute of Frauds, that there

was no memo. of agreement in writing, and

that consequently there was no contract;

Mr Justice Snowden upheld this objection;

hence this appeal.

Mr Russell now argued on behalf of the

plaintiffs. His first point was that there

was no necessity for such strong evidence

of agreement under section 17 of that

statute, as contemplated by section 4, and

that the term “bargain” was different

from the term “agreement.” He then

cited several cases in support of this con-

tention. Referring to the letters, he sub-

mitted that there was sufficient in them to

constitute a memorandum of agreement;

there was the quantity fixed, the price

fixed, and the only thing not fixed was the

time of delivery, which was to be in ten or

fifteen days, as the defendants stated in

their letter to the plaintiffs. This differ-

ence in time, he contended, would not amount

to a variance which would vitiate the con-

tract. The term of ten or fifteen days was

the same as “about” so many days, and

an agreement to deliver in about as many

days would be binding on both parties. In

support of this point he also cited several

cases. The third point he took was the de-

fendants' attempt to shift the liability of their

shoulders by putting forward the name of

Wing Hing & Co. as the principals. More

than a year ago, he also cited several cases.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney General

then addressed the Court for the defendants.

He observed that it had been much dis-

cussed whether the Statute of Frauds was

a legislation in the right direction or not,

but in a Colony like this, where a large

number of Chinese had only an imperfect

knowledge of English, while the Europeans

spoke almost no Chinese at all, it was

highly desirable in their commercial trans-

actions that there should be a means of

contract. The Statute of Frauds was,

however, law in this Colony, and the

question here was whether in this case it

had been complied with. He submitted

that the letters written by the Solicitors

of the defendants in reply to the plainti-

ffs were not evidence of agreement between

the parties. The letter only said that

Wing Hing & Co. would deliver the sugar in

ten or fifteen days. These letters were

relied on by the other side, but they were

only a repudiation of contract, and letters

repudiating a contract could not possibly

be construed into a memo. of agreement.

The letters also shewed that Wing Hing

& Co. were the sellers, and that Tak

Mee & Co., the defendants, were only bro-

kers. He submitted that the rule

was, an agent could not be sued as

principal to a contract if the principal

was disclosed. The name was on the face

of the letter, and the plaintiffs could not

use part of the letter to support his

case. They were then asked to show what

they could do to shift the liability of their

agents. They replied that they could not

do anything but sue the agents.

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Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
TOKYO, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 16th January, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
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Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

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Freight will be received on board until
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, December 15, 1876. jsl5



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Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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